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For: METALLIZABLE WHITE OPAQUE FILMS, METALLIZED FILMS MADE
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Liu et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,931,327 discloses a white opaque oriented polypropylene film for a tamper-evident package including a core layer and at least one cavitated skin layer having an internal cohesiveness that is less than the internal cohesiveness and bonding strength of an adhesive layer applied to the cavitated skin. The disclosed adhesive can be either a heat-seal adhesive or a cold seal adhesive that can seal to itself; not a cold glue adhesive. The disclosed

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cold-seal adhesives are usually rubber-based materials. (Column 3, line 66 – column 4, line 1). Cold seal coatings, rather than heat seal coatings are generally employed to package products which would be damaged by the application of heat, such as ice cream, candy bars and confections. (Column 4, lines 1 – 3).

The cavitated-tamper evident skin upon which the cold-seal coatings can be applied is disclosed as including a cavity-inducing filler being present in amounts from about 1 - 20 weight percent of the skin layer prior to orientation, with about 10 - 15 weight percent being preferred.

Swan et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,965,123 discloses opaque oriented polymeric film structures including a thermoplastic polymer matrix core layer within which is located a strata of voids, and at least one thermoplastic polymer matrix skin layer adhered to a first surface of the core layer and also including a strata of voids therein. An opposed skin layer optionally can be free of voids.

One disclosed use of the polymeric film structures is as label stock. Swan specifically requires that the core layer of a multilayer film include a void-created additive in it. Specifically, in the paragraph beginning on line 8 of column 7, Swan et al. state that the void-initiating particles can be present in up to about 20% by weight of the core layer prior to orientation, with a preferred range being from about 2 to about 7% by weight.

Swan et al. further state that at least one of the skin layers should have voids created therein and specifically state that in label applications the function of the voided skin layer is to improve the cutability of the film (paragraph beginning on line 44, column 7).

Swan et al. state that the paper-like cutting characteristics have been found to be particularly beneficial in the production of co extruded pressure-sensitive label stock material having a peelable backing affixed to it.

Swan et al. state that the void-initiating particles employed in the skin layer can be present in an amount of up to about 70% by weight of the skin layer prior to orientation, with the preferred range being from about 5 to about 20% by weight (column 8, paragraph beginning on line 5). Swan et al. do not disclose any relationship between the desired percentage of void-initiating particles and the use of a cold glue adhesive of the type employed in the present invention. Stating this another way, the Swan et al. patent includes no suggestion of correlating the degree of voiding in the skin layer with the use of a aqueous cold glue adhesive.

Swan et al. only disclose the use of pressure-sensitive adhesives; not cold glue adhesives. Specifically, Swan et al. state, in column 9, the sentence beginning on line 23, that non-solvent pressure-sensitive adhesive materials are preferred to solvent-based pressure-sensitive adhesive materials. The acceptable materials described in the paragraph beginning on line 43 of column 9 are rubber-based pressure sensitive adhesives; not aqueous-based cold glue adhesives of the type employed in the present invention.

Courtaulds International Publication WO 89/02859 discloses a polymeric film including, in its broadest disclosure, a layer of propylene homopolymer, as a core layer, a layer of voided propylene on one side and a layer of a printable polymer on the other side.

The '859 publication states that the voiding agent in the voided polypropylene is in the range of 4 - 25%; more preferably 15 - 25%, and when chalk is employed to provide a good tamper-evident seal, the voided layer should include 20 - 25% voiding agent. The disclosed percentage of voiding agent is intended to create a weak interface between the propylene homopolymer and the voided polypropylene layer, such that evidence of tampering is shown by separation of the voided layer from the propylene homopolymer layer.

The Courtaulds '859 publication does not disclose any metallized film. It does not suggest any correlation between the amount of voiding agent and a cold glue adhesive. In fact, there is no suggestion of employing the polymeric film with a cold glue adhesive.

The Courtaulds '859 publication discloses the inclusion of a polymeric layer on a voided polypropylene layer to provide heat sealability. Suitable polymers for providing heat sealability are identified. The '859 publication discloses using heat seal or cold seal methods (page 7), but does not disclose the use of an aqueous, cold glue adhesive of the type employed in the present invention. Specifically, there is no mention of using cold-water based glues and correlating the use of such glues with the use of any percentage of voiding agents in the film layer to which any bonding layer is to be employed.

Canadian Patent No. 2,125,891 discloses a laminate film including a polypropylene layer, which either can act as a barrier coating receiving layer by including a hard resin in it, or alternatively, a separate barrier coating receiving layer with the hard resin coating in it can be provided on the original layer.

The Canadian '891 patent specifies that an additional layer can be applied on the other side of the multilayer structure, which can be, for example, "a conventional sealable, e.g., heat sealable; printable, or slip layer." The patent then discloses suitable heat sealing layers on page 12 of the specification.

The Canadian '891 patent does not disclose the use of any cold glue adhesive. Moreover, there is no disclosure of including a voiding agent in any adhesive retaining layer to accommodate any adhesive, let alone a cold glue adhesive.

Mitsui European Patent EP0779325 discloses a porous uniaxially or biaxially stretched film that is formed from a resin composition containing 25 - 70 parts by weight of a polyolefin

resin and 75 - 30 parts by weight of an inorganic filler. The film is described as having a softness and feel of cloth, with good moisture vapor transmission and good uniformity of film thickness. The function of the particular material disclosed in the Mitsui publication is to create a breathable substrate for use as a cloth substitute. There is no suggestion of applying a cold glue adhesive to any porous layer or of employing the product in applications requiring any such adhesive.

Courtaulds European Patent 0546741 discloses in-mold labels and articles having such labels applied to it. The label is described as having a non-voided core layer and a voided propylene homopolymer outer layer that attaches to the molded article. The patent does not disclose providing any voided layer for receiving a cold glue adhesive. The voided layer receives the thermoplastic polymer that is molded directly against the label.

The Courtaulds '741 patent states that the inorganic material can be chalk, and that the chalk content of the voided layer preferably is "up to 5% by weight of the layer." Courtaulds states that the amount of voiding agent usually should be at least 2.5% and can go up to 15% by weight of the layer, with preferred amounts of voiding agents being in the range of 5 - 10% by weight.

Thus, the '741 European patent does not relate to any label stock wherein a cold glue adhesive is used. In accordance with the invention described in the '741 patent attachment is directly to the molten polymer employed in the in-mold labeling operation. Moreover, the amount of voiding agent suggested for use in the layer closest to the molded polymer is in a range well below the acceptable range in the present invention.

Process Resources Corporation International Publication W0 99/19412 discloses techniques for labeling of plastic, glass or metal containers or surfaces with polymeric labels

employing a cold glue adhesive. In accordance with these methods, a hydrophilic, solid material is applied to the polymeric label, which either functions as the adhesive, or receives a cold glue adhesive on it. There is no disclosure of providing a voided layer for receiving a cold glue adhesive.

The ACS Symposium Series 440 article generally describes metallizing polypropylene after pretreatment in nitrogen.

Squire et al. U.S. Publication No. 2002/0146520 was filed on January 26, 2001. The claims which will be presented for consideration herein, in response to the outstanding Office Action of March 30, 2004, will all be entitled to the February 8, 2000 filing date of Provisional Application Serial No. 60/181,036. Thus, the Squire et al. '520 published application will not be an effective reference against the claims that will be presented for consideration in this application.


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			EP 0546741	B	Courtaulds	08/13/1997	
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